

Town of Newfield Regular Town Board Meeting
Nov. 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Driscoll at 7:00PM. Present: CP Hart, CP James, CP Laughlin and Supervisor Driscoll. Also present: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer, Code Enforcement Officers Harry Wright and Tony Petito, County Legislator Dave McKenna and Town Atty. Edward Hooks. Absent: CP Dolge.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Driscoll.

Motion was made by CP Hart to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by CP James. All approved.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR – There was no one to speak from the floor.

Supervisor Driscoll stated that he would like to add an item in the Agenda under New Business for a resolution to permit Justice Debi Payne to apply to the office of Court Administration for a grant to repair and fix doors and other things needed in the Court Room. This will be added under item E in New Business. The Board approved adding this item to the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Driscoll reviewed the Financial Report for October with the Board. There were no questions from the Board.

A discussion was held regarding the 2011 Town Budget. After discussion motion was made by CP James to approve the 2011 Town Budget. Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin.

AYES	NAYS
CP James	CP Hart
CP Laughlin	
Supervisor Driscoll	

Motion carried.

The Town Clerk reviewed with the Board the proposed new Town of Newfield Dog Control Law. This law will be reviewed at the Nov. 22, 2010 Work Session with the proposal going to public hearing in December.

A discussion was also held regarding the Draft Road Construction Law. Supervisor Driscoll explained that this law is for a long term road plan and would require a permit to performing any construction or excavation in, upon, or under any highway etc. This law will help the town provide and protect the town roads to ensure safe travel for all persons traveling on the roads. This law will also be discussed at the next work session with the proposal going to a public hearing in December.

Supervisor Driscoll stated that Town Justice Debbi Payne was writing a grant to the Office of Court Administration for items needed in the Town Court. This grant would be at no expense to the town. Justice Payne was asking for a resolution supporting this grant.

Motion was made by CP Hart to support Town Justice Payne in writing her grant to benefit the Newfield Town Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2010

WHEREAS Town Justice, Debbi J. Payne wishes to write a grant for funds to be granted to the Newfield Town Court.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Newfield grants permission to Town Justice Debbi J. Payne to apply for funds to be granted by the Office of Court Administration for use in the Newfield Town Court.

Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin.

AYES

NAYS

CP James

CP Laughlin

CP Hart

Supervisor Driscoll

Motion carried.

Motion was made by CP Laughlin to approve the payment of the November 2010 monthly bills. Motion was seconded by CP James. All approved.

General Fund totaling	\$63,638.40
Highway Fund totaling	\$25,085.21
Street Light totaling	\$ 1,321.16
Sewer District totaling	\$ 307.94
Water District 1 totaling	\$ 7,426.16
Recreation totaling	\$10,854.73
Water District 2 totaling	\$ 553.00

REPORTS

Supervisor – No Report

Highway Superintendent – Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported that the Highway crew has been working on Jackson Hill Rd., Cayuta Rd., and Dassance Rd.

Atty. Hooks reported that there were some issues regarding the culvert on Main St. there is a crack in the culvert causing water leakage. Atty. Hooks & Highway Superintendent Berggren have been in contacted with the Barton & Logudice engineer asking for reassurance on the durability. The Engineer indicated that would extend the length of the bond to 5 years. They are asking this to be in writing and will continue to keep the board informed on their progress.

Water/Sewer – Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer reported the valves are in for the Main St. Tank.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcer Harry Wright reported that everything was moving along with building permits. He will have a yearend report at the end of December.

Code Enforcer Tony Petito reported on the cases he is working on. Town of Ithaca Planning Board had a meeting concerning the proposed dump on Van Ostrand Rd. There were 5 people from Newfield that attended, including CP Dolge. A discussion was held regarding the intersection between Route 13, VanOstrand Rd. and Route 13. Mr. Petito feels that there is going to be a lot of illegal dumping because there is no electricity for lighting, no proper gates or fencing. The City of Ithaca has hired someone to present a sketch plan to the Town of Ithaca. Supervisor Driscoll stated that Tompkins County was beginning to weigh in on this in terms of not using land fill within the County for the disposition of this kind of hard fill. They should be recycling and there are opportunities at which they are suggesting to the City in terms of not dumping but carting it away and recycling.

Recreation – Recreation Director Richard Berggren reported that there were 26 girls and 67 boys signed up for Basketball. Football Cheerleading had a jump

fundraiser which earned \$950.00 dollars. The Coach is planning to do this again in the Fall with the Basketball cheer team and she is also planning a candle lite candle fundraiser. Mr. Berggren also requested to the Board that funds earned by individual teams through fundraisers be ear marked for that team. Most teams have a fund raiser to help buy uniforms or whatever they may need. Supervisor Driscoll stated that he had no problem with the town holding their monies. Supervisor Driscoll stated he would like to look at what the clarity is in terms of how it is distinguish in the budget. CP James stated that there is not a big difference between the town and school accounting. The school sets up separate account codes for each program, it is not difficult to do. CP Hart stated that a resolution should be set up and asked that this be put on the December Work Session Agenda. Supervisor Driscoll said he would do that. Chicken BBQ netted \$1,297.00.

CP Hart stated that he had mentioned it in the past that the committee has had a problem getting a quorum for the Recreation meeting. The by-laws states 7 members need to be present 2 from the school board and 2 from the town board and members at large. It is his understanding that the school doesn't feel they need to have anyone on the committee. The committee would like to change the by-laws. There have not been enough members present since May. Atty. Hooks will review the by-laws and report back to the Board.

County Legislator – County Legislator Dave McKenna reported the County budget will be going to public hearing.

There being no further business Supervisor Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Crance
Town Clerk

Nov. 17, 2010
Date